THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme including all its construction work, is fully funded by Government of India. However, the boundary wall of each Navodaya Vidyalaya complex is constructed with 50 per cent financial assistance from the State Government concerned. In Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kasargod, the Parent Teachers Association decided to collect funds on a voluntary basis for construction of the boundary wall as the consent of the State Government to bear 50 per cent cost has not been received.

(c) and (d) The funds had been raised on a voluntary basis by the Parent Teachers Association of the Vidyalaya and no request for refund has been received.

Female Infanticides in Bihar

@3420. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar has the highest rate of female infanticide in the country;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey in the recent past in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the results thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to reduce the female infanticide in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) While female infanticide is understood to be practised in certain parts of the country, there is no data to indicate its extent or state-wise trend.

(b) Government has initiated a multicentric nation-wide study of the problem. A study of the problem in Bihar has also been sponsored.

(c) The report of the study for Bihar has not been received.

(d) Various programmes of action and advocacy are being implemented by the Government in the country, including Bihar, for the welfare and development of women and girl children. Further, advocacy attempts are also being made to project positive images of girl children so as to bring about changes in social attitudes towards them. The Government has also initiated a media campaign to generate awareness in various issues relating to girl children in selected districts of Bihar. A National Plan of Action for the SAARC Decade (1991-2000) of the Girl Child focussing on survival, protection and development of the girl child has been formulated. A special set of interventions for adolescent girls has been institutionalised through the ICDS infrastructure.

3421. [*Transferred to 23rd August,* 1993]

3422. [*Transferred to 26th August,* 1993]

Expansion of Khetri Smelter Plant

3423. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Copper Ltd. (H.C.L.) propose to expand the Khetri Smelter Plant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Hindustan Copper Limited has conceived a

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@Previously Unstarred Question 2848, transferred from 18th August, 1993